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Thursday, March 27, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 17

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with KENNEDY / JENKS CONSULTANTS, INC., Austin, Texas for engineering services for the Operations and Maintenance Management System (OMMS) for Wastewater Treatment and Biosolids Management Plants project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Approved Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Raj Bhattarai 972-0075, Rosie Truelove 974-3064, Robin Field 974-7064

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of three received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 17.30% MBE and 15.00% WBE.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

The Austin Water Utility plans to improve the operational efficiency associated with the daily operation and maintenance of its two largest wastewater treatment plants (Walnut Creek and South Austin Regional) and its central biosolids management plant (Hornsby Bend). The Utility's primary objective is to successfully implement by May 2010 an operation and maintenance management system (OMMS) that will allow its operators, supervisors, managers and engineers to improve and efficiently manage the treatment processes and the related mechanical system and appurtenances. This system will not only enhance the operation of treatment plants but also ensure quick response by Utility staff, improve compliance with federal, state and local environmental regulations, and minimize environmental risks at the treatment plants. The OMMS will include appropriate operation and maintenance information, including descriptions and procedures, to a level of detail that enables the three plants to be operated and maintained effectively and efficiently.

This authorization provides for funding of services related to the development and deployment of the Operations and Maintenance Management System, including training. Staff does not anticipate returning to Council for additional funding to the selected firm.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with the recommended firm. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the recommended firm, negotiations will cease with that firm. Staff will then return to Council and request authorization to begin negotiations with the alternate recommendation listed below.

Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 1.7% African American, 9.5% Hispanic, 5.3% Native/Asian American and 14.2% Women-Owned Business (WBE). The recommended and alternate

firms provided an MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources.